6½ years, when it's more than tripled, they'd have been all right if the stock market hadn't gone up. But they're a lot better off because the lives of average Americans have gone up. That's why the stock market's done better.

And so again, I'll say to all of you, we've got this phenomenal opportunity, the opportunity of a lifetime, of a whole generation, to use the last 16 months of this century to get the 21st century off to a rousing start for America. We just have to be faithful to the covenant we made with the people in 1992. We have to put first things first. We have to put people first. And if we do it, watch out, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

God bless you, and thank you.

Note: The President spoke at 1:35 p.m. in Hall D at the Miami Beach Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to Morton Bahr, president, Communications Workers of America, and his wife, Florence; John J. Sweeney, president, AFL-CIO; and Robert A. Butterworth, State attorney general.

Statement on the Surrender of the Suspected "Railway Killer"

July 13, 1999

I want to thank all of the State, local, and Federal law enforcement officials whose hard work led to the surrender of the suspected "railway killer" earlier today. As a result of their determined efforts and the cooperation of Mexican authorities, the suspect is now in custody in the United States. All Americans can rest easier knowing that law enforcement authorities will bring the full force of the law to bear in this case.

Message to the Senate Transmitting the Paraguay-United States Extradition Treaty

July 13, 1999

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, signed at Washington on November 9, 1998.

In addition, I transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty. As the report states, the Treaty will not require implementing legislation.

The provisions in this Treaty follow generally the form and content of extradition treaties recently concluded by the United States

Upon entry into force, this Treaty would enhance cooperation between the law enforcement authorities of both countries, and thereby make a significant contribution to international law enforcement efforts. The Treaty would supersede the Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Paraguay signed at Asuncion on May 24, 1973.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

William J. Clinton

The White House, July 13, 1999.

Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report on the National Emergency With Respect to Weapons of Mass Destruction

July 13, 1999

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economics Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, in response to the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons ("weapons of mass destruction") and of the means of delivering such weapons.

William J. Clinton

The White House, July 13, 1999.